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[redacted]ember 1954, a sketch of the new border station at Frankfurt/Oder was made on the spot. A remarkable feature of the new station are two track stubs immediately in front of the bridge. The switches for these stubs are secured by locks and are operated manually.

Six AA emplacements of about 4 guns were observed on both sides of the bridge over the Oder River. The guns looked like former German 88 mm guns. Low wooden buildings, probably quarters for military personnel, [redacted] both sides of the Oder River.[1]

2. On 22 September 1954, it was learned that a new border station was scheduled to be opened in Goerlitz on 3 October. All the installations required for a border station including the viaduct over the Neisse River were completed. Signal and safety installations had not yet been installed, however. The new border station will handle only freight traffic.[2]

3. On 22 and 24 September 1954, it was observed that the railroad viaduct over the Neisse River near Goerlitz was completed. About 5 workers were seen doing finishing work on the piers. The scaffolds erected for the reconstruction of the viaduct were being dismantled. Three railroad cars loaded with earth and rubble were seen standing on the viaduct.[2]

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1. [redacted] Comment. This new border station which is located between Frankfurt and the Oder River was put into operation on 23 May 1954. [redacted]

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For the time being, the [redacted] the border station is scheduled to handle five pairs of trains daily. [redacted] Information that the station was officially opened on 3 October 1954 has not been received so far. 25X1

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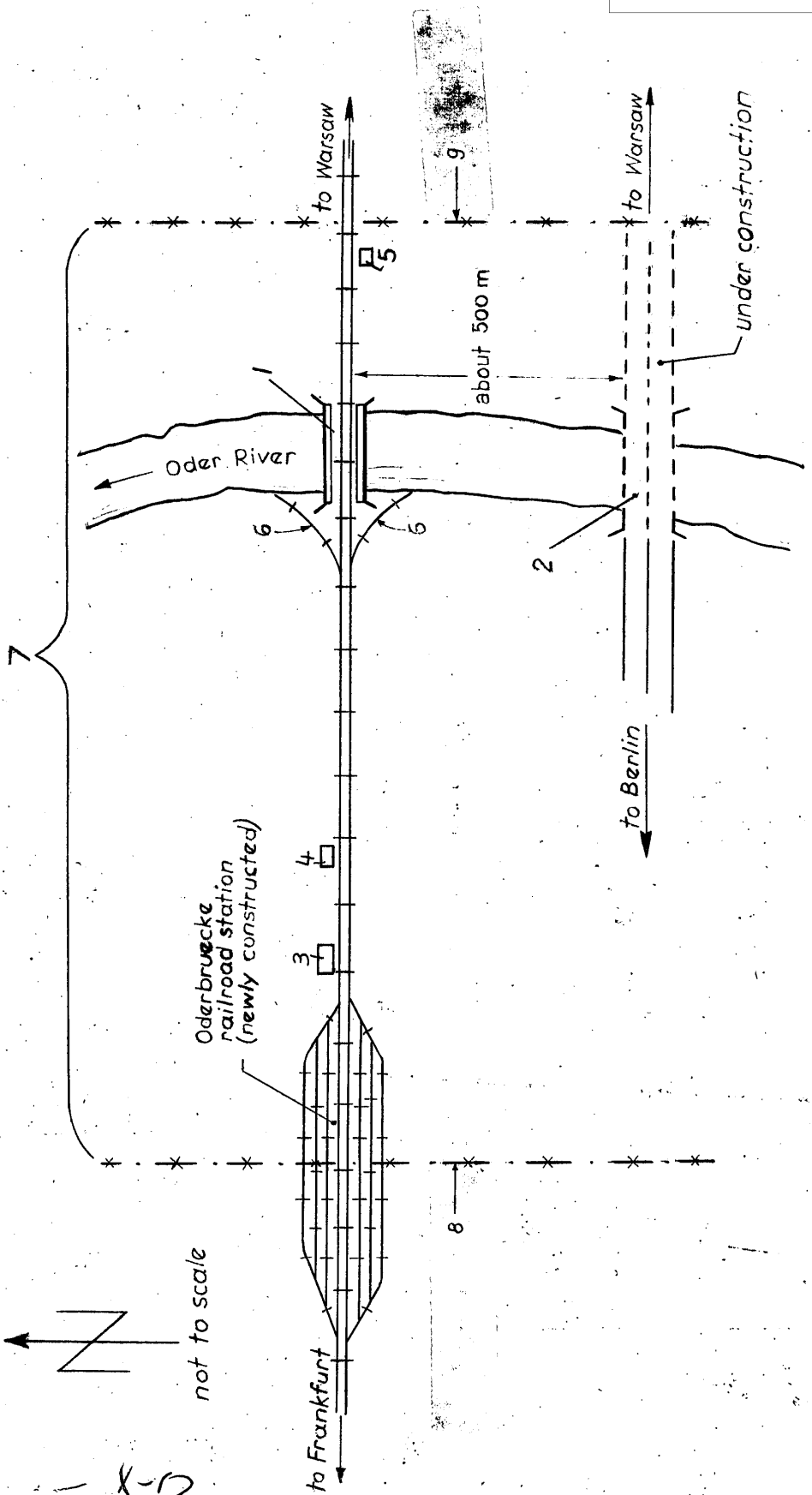

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Layout of new border station in Frankfurt/Oder

Legend:

1 - Double-tracked railroad bridge with sidewalks

2 - Autobahn bridge under construction, two piers completed

3 - Quartering facilities for German and Polish train personnel

4 - German dispatch office

5 - Polish dispatch office

6 - Track stubs

7 - Area over which the Soviets claim jurisdiction

- - - boundaries of the German and Polish police border area

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